

SAF/LLZ (Legislative Research Team)

WYNN, Albert R. (Democrat)  
Representative, 4th District, Maryland  
Elected 1992 to the 103d Congress  
Reelected to succeeding Congresses



## BACKGROUND

Born: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania - 10 September 1951

Home: Largo, Maryland

Marital status: Separated from wife, Jessie - 1 daughter

Religion: Baptist

Education: U of Pittsburgh, B.S., 1973; graduate study, Howard U; Georgetown U Law School, J.D., 1977

Military: None

Profession: Lawyer

Political: MD House, 1983-87; State Senator, 1987-92. Defeated Michele Dyson (R) in the Nov92 general election with 76% of the vote for the newly reconfigured 4<sup>th</sup> District seat. Portions of the district were previously represented by Reps Connie Morella (R), Steny Hoyer (D) and Tom McMillen (D). Reelected in 2000 with 87% of the vote and in 2002 with 79%.

Rep Wynn is a liberal whose views closely mirror those of President Clinton. He supports the death penalty, legalized abortion, universal health care, boot camps for first-time criminals, and a middle-class tax cut. While in the State Senate, he had high approval ratings from labor unions, helped draft gun control legislation and pushed environmental protection measures. Considers health care reform a crucial issue for his constituents. (Nat'l Journal, 28Nov92) He represents more federal workers than any House member (W.Post, 2Jun94, p.B2).

In the 103d Congress, introduced legislation to block the President's proposal in the budget to cut federal employees survivors' benefits. In the 104th Congress, accused Republicans of targeting federal employees as a "cash cow" to pay for a GOP proposed tax cut.

In the 106<sup>th</sup> Congress, expressed alarm over the handling of the budget. Observed that many colleagues were claiming that routine military funding is emergency funding, when in fact it is a grab bag of gimmicks. During consideration of H. Con. Res. 42, war powers, stated that if the country is trying to maintain an environment of peace, then it has to get involved. Drew attention to a provision in the President's FY 01 budget of \$101 million for the consolidation of the Food and Drug Administration at the former Naval Surface Warfare Center in White Oak. The project, expected to cost \$450 million over ten years, would bring 1,600 workers from 21 sites to a 130-acre site near the border of Montgomery and Prince George's counties. In the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress, expressed concern with the personnel regulations for the Homeland Security Department. Feared they would undermine protections to Federal workers. Supported the Yucca Mountain nuclear repository.

In the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress, called for a review and thorough investigation of the Pentagon's environmental exemption proposals. Said hazardous waste is a serious problem for the communities near to military facilities.

Additional: Member, Congressional Black Caucus; served as executive commissioner of the Prince George's County (MD) Consumer Protection Commission and simultaneously chaired the Metropolitan Washington Council of Consumer Agencies.

AF Bases: Andrews AFB; Reserve Forces

## COMMITTEES

ENERGY AND COMMERCE -- Subcs on Health; Energy and Air Quality

